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Case Docket No.: P8064-8002
Date: September 24, 1998

In re the application of:

Muhammed MAJEED et al

Serial No.: 09/005,594

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: January 12, 1998

For: USE OF PIPERINE AS A BIOAVAILABILITY ENHANCER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

XX Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
TOTAL	60	MINUS 35
INDEP.	8	MINUS 3
= FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		
		PRESENT EXTRA
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SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x11=	275
x41=	205
+130=	00
TOTAL	480

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SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x22=	00
x82=	00
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XX Any filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

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Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 - 35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 36

~~36.~~ A method of increasing nutrient bioavailability in a ~~patient~~ ^{subject} desiring such an increase, comprising administering to said patient a nutritionally effective amount of at least one nutritional material and a bioavailability enhancing amount of piperine.

~~37.~~ A method as recited in claim ~~36~~, wherein said piperine comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of synthetically made piperine, extract from

09/28/1998 RWB:back of pepper seed extract from piper longum.

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338. A method as recited in claim 36, wherein said administering comprises

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